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10-PERIOD TIMETABLE POSSIBLE AS SOLUTION TO TIGHT SPACE

By STEVE SHARRATT

Niagara College may change to a 10-period timetable with classes until 5:30 p.m. next September and has decided not to rent space at Brock University.

A. S. Manera, college president, said the "tentative plan" to extend the timetable has "almost been decided upon".

The 10-day period timetable would extend the school day from

8:15 a.m. to 5:20 p.m. and shorten the 55-minute periods to 50 minutes. Students would be on shifts so that individual students would still have an eight-period timetable.

Niagara College with increased enrolment this year faces a situation of tight space since the Ministry of Colleges and Universities cut college building funds. In case of severe overcrowding, Mr. Manera

had said the college might consider renting space at Brock. Such a move would have to be considered, "in terms of time, inconvenience, transportation and communication".

"The college is too fragmented now to consider renting at Brock although we still might install portables on the campus," Mr. Manera said.

Students now operate on a 36-period week and with two extra periods, a day will extend to a 46-period week.

"The student will still only be on a 36-period week but on shifts which may actually result in better timetables," Mr. Manera said.

The timetable extension plan is the most acceptable solution to the space problem and will increase space by 30 percent, Mr. Manera said.

The timetable extension was "strongly supported" by the President's Student Advisory Committee.



In a candid interview on winter fashions, Susie revealed that her own personal taste in footwear and outer clothing for the cold weather ran to Keds running shoes, a green Italian knitted sweater and a fur-

lined ski jacket. She did, however, recommend for canines travelling in less fashionable circles, plastic booties and a blanket-type coat in red plaid.

Dogs don't like winter, so bundle them up too!

By KATHY KEARNS

Before you laugh at those knitted sweaters and plastic booties available for your favorite canine, consider how beneficial these craxy outfits can be.

In winter after a snowfall, the city pours lots of salt and snowmelters on the streets. These chemicals can get in between the pads on a pet's feet and cause him a great deal of discomfort.

Should a dog be plagued with this problem, soaking his feet in cold water and drying them thoroughly when he comes in from outside will remove the salt.

But an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Buying pet booties may seem ridiculous but it's a good precaution. Plastic booties cost \$2 but the best ones to buy have leather soles with crocheted uppers costing approximately \$7.

Don't bother trying to get the dog to try the boots on in the house — more than likely he won't wear them. Put them on just before

he goes for a walk. He'll soon find how warm they are.

As for those silly fur coats, hats and sweaters, a thick coated dog has plenty of insulation from the cold. But dogs with short hair or clipped coats need a little extra protection as do convalescing dogs who are subject to chills.

Coats come in all shapes and sizes, all colors and materials and a wide range of prices. You can even buy coats with pantlegs.

These outfits range in price from \$2 to \$15. Imports cost more. All of the coats are a good protection against kidney colds.

Also a problem in winter is ice or snow in a dog's ear. Nothing can prevent this unless he is the rare dog which enjoys wearing earmuffs. A practical solution is to pour lots of warm olive oil in the ear should it be afflicted.

If common sense says a dog doesn't need a coat because his own hair keeps him warm, ask why a person needs a hat. Then perhaps buying a winter wardrobe for a dog is not such a feeble-minded idea.

SPAIN INSPIRES

Writing is rewarding

By DIANE WOOD

Jim Ross, Niagara College creative writing instructor on a year's leave of absence, has received a Canada Council grant of \$1,900 for his writing.

In letters to the college from the "quiet Spanish town" of Fuen-girola, Mr. Ross said the grant was received on the basis of work he had submitted to the Council — part of a novel and six short stories.

"Strangely enough, in spite of the fact that I work at the kitchen table with constant interruptions, the writing is going well," Mr. Ross had commented in one letter before he received the grant.

It obviously did go well and Mr. Ross said recently, "I am enjoying myself a great deal and I find writing five hours a day a tremendous way to pass the time."

He has now completed the novel, is rewriting it and working on some stories and "a couple of pieces which I hope to sell to magazines".

Mr. Ross said he has always preferred to work in the morning and still sticks to an early schedule

in Spain.

"I've been getting up two hours ahead of the others in the morning and reading and making notes."

Their home, a two-bedroom townhouse, is on the outside of Fuengirola on the way to Mijas — a "quiet neighborhood, so respectable I even washed the car."

Mr. Ross, his wife, Barbara and their daughter, Gillian, had searched unsuccessfully for two months before they found their "dream piece of Spanish real estate".

His daughter is now in school "complete with uniform...very English". The town has "lots of English books and papers and real English-run pubs".

One of their nights on the town was to consist of a movie at an "outdoor ciné", Pequero Muy Hombre, starring Dustin Hoffman and Chief Dan George.

Mr. Ross asked, "Has anything happened in Canada? If it has, the English and European press missed it...nobody has heard of Niagara College either."

1,441 Register More Expected

While more than 1,500 students are expected back at Niagara College when registration is finalized, 1,441 were registered by Friday, Jan. 11.

Although most showed up Friday, Jan. 4, to register, about 120 students were made to pay \$5 for registering after that date.

The number of full-time day students does not include Hotel and Food Services or nursing students.

"At present, the figures are approximations as there are still students coming in and others who haven't yet decided what they plan to do," said J. L. Parrett, registrar.

There were about 200 students who did not return after the Christmas break.

NIAGARA NOTES

Quebec trip Feb. 7 to Feb. 11

The Quebec Winter Carnival trip, planned by the Sales and Marketing Club, will take place Feb. 7 to Feb. 11, and will cost \$50 per person. The cost will include accommodations at the Motel de la Capitale, Quebec City. The club plans trips to Labatt's on April 3, and Molsons on March 12.

Placement interviews to continue

Ken Anderson, placement officer, announced that on-campus interviews started in December will continue throughout the new year. The college had its most successful year to date with a placement record in 1973 of 97 percent.

Student magazine Pillar on sale

Pillar, Niagara College's student magazine, is now available in the bookstore and the newsroom. There is a 10-cent charge which will provide a literary award at the end of the year. Delay in publication was due to difficulty in reproducing a photo for the cover. There will be another edition of Pillar before the year end.

ANY
TAKERS?

FOR SALE
SNOW

EDITORIAL

Bottoms up!

The holidays are over and those merry patrons of the bottle will be waking up to cheerful mornings, clear vision and normal-sized heads. No more the aching eyes, the thick tongue, the throbbing temples and the mouth tasting like yesterday's dishwater.

As a child, I could not comprehend why adults thought an evening of fun was worth the following morning when they would stumble from bed, cursing the bottle and describing in colorful language their various aches and pains.

I have heard them retch in the early hours, groaning as though about to give up the ghost. But come the evening, the bottles and glasses are again lifted in cheerful revelry.

Now that I am an adult, I have had a chance to decide for myself whether the fun is worth the morning after.

And I have decided in favor of the fun and the hangover.

When the holiday season rolls around, newspapers devote space to tasty cocktails and punches that mask lethal kicks. But they also include the antidotes — those do's and don'ts for the morning after.

What to drink and what not to eat — that is the question on hangover morning. Like everyone else, I learned a few lessons by error.

Bacon and eggs are definitely out, but tomato juice might stay down. The women's page will likely have a few concoctions that can be shipped up in the blender if the head can be raised high enough to turn on the switch. And that drink from a half-empty glass left over from last night might hit the spot.

The miseries of the hangover! But who would want to sit calm and serene with a glass of ginger ale at a party while all around them imbibers grow loquacious and tipsy, merry and hilarious. Imagine it, if you can. I can't, having never been in that position, and I fail to see how anyone could want to be.

The idea is to eat, drink and be merry even though tomorrow we feel like dying.

Miriam Showalter

CHARMING AQUARIANS

By KATHY RENWALD

In descriptions of the Aquarian (Jan. 20 to Feb. 19) personality, the word humanitarian appears often. Aquarians have a strong brotherhood instinct, and they're rarely prejudiced.

Aquarians have lots of friends. They lean towards quantity rather than quality in their friendships. Aquarians find it easier to be concerned for mankind on the whole, rather than to direct their concern for the individual.

The Aquarian is impersonal and unemotional. They are detached, cool and logical thinkers. Usually quite intelligent, they tend to be thoughtful and studious.

Often Aquarians are said to be ahead of their time. They always identify themselves with progressive movements, and their views tend to be unconventional.

Aquarius is said to be the sign of genius. Nearly 70 per cent of the Hall of Fame is composed of Aquarians. But it is also said that Aquarians walk a fine line between genius and madness. A considerable number of them occupy mental institutions.

Aquarians are charming and friendly. They are not easily swayed by flattery or applause. They have a fine sense of humor and are

generally optimistic.

Aquarians should avoid work that is dull or routine. Aquarians do well in avant-garde enterprises, or in work that involves a pioneering spirit, or inventiveness.

Work in teaching, science, research, politics and philosophy would hold an Aquarian's interest.

Their imagination and inventive ability can benefit them in improving products, and devising new service industries.



OOOOOOOOPS!

The Niagara News inadvertently dropped the comments made by Bruce Tallon, Niagara College counsellor, in last month's astrology column. Tking exception to the serious, conservative description of a Capricorn he said, "I feel that it isn't representative of me as a person, because I'm a cusp (Capricorn-Aquarius).

Aquarius of the Month

Bill Kalaher

Bill Kalaher, advertising instructor in the School of Business and an Aquarian said, "I care more about what persons house I'm in than what house my moon is in." But he didn't discredit astrology entirely, "I'm not interested in it but I don't put it down." Demonstrating Aquarians progressiveness and shrewdness, he's been driving a small car for the last 16 years, even through the trend towards longer cars.

Letter to the Editor

Jim Ross comments on a Niagara News story about this year's editors of Pillar. In the story the editors said they were planning a new format to include more fiction and non-fiction and a 10-cent charge to provide a literary prize for the best contribution. Steve Sharratt also commented that last year's Pillar contained only poetry "with no imagination to progress."

I received a copy of an article about the student literary magazine, Pillar. Diane Wood, who wrote the article, asked if I'd give my "side" of the story. I don't really have a side — in the sense that I want to defend anything — but I do have some comments.

First the good things.

A change in format would be a welcome improvement. The big progress the editors made last year was in getting the sheets typed uniformly and correctly (which was accomplished by Mrs. Barbara West) and in finding a student who could draw. Obviously, there is a long way to go yet before Pillar is anything like a sophisticated effort. Good luck with that.

The prize is a good idea too. Writers are notorious for wanting others to tell them how talented they are (they're almost as bad as actors in this respect) and every bit of recognition helps.

The hopes of achieving a better "mix" are not new; they are merely continuations of what last year's editors, Dennis Mullan and Mike McGrath, wanted to achieve. Maybe editors Stephen Sharratt and Chris Gladun will have better luck.

Any publication — as you know — depends on two things. 1) the taste and preferences of the editor, and, 2) the type and quality of submissions. The first thing was the subject of many heated discussions last year, both among students and among staff members. With some luck, Messrs. Gladun and Sharratt will be able to produce a lively magazine that still has the necessary "literary sensibility" and can avoid the "profanity" conflict.

(Referring to quote of Chris Gladun's that they would be aiming for "literary sensibility as opposed to profanity as literature.")

The second factor is the one that causes the problems. Last year's Pillar contained mostly poetry simply because that was what most of last year's writers submitted. With some luck, Niagara's writers will prove a little more versatile this year, and Pillar will have more variety.

Finally a comment on a comment. Mr. Sharratt ought to be ashamed of himself for uttering the words "with

no imagination to progress". And if he didn't actually say that, Ms. Wood ought to be drawn and quartered for garbling whatever he did say.

It's extremely hard to get upset about things down here on the Costa del Sol because that sun makes everything warm and pleasant. But that kind of meaningless phrase should cause anyone who cares about the way the English language is used to have a violent reaction. Perhaps even to break into a cold sweat, start trembling or develop hives.

The words might have meaning individually, but when taken and tossed into a stew the way Mr. Sharratt has done, the final phrase has no meaning at all.

Enough. Good luck to Messrs. Gladun and Sharratt, and to Ms. (is that the plural of Ms? I hope so) (Kathy) Renwald and (Rosemary) Cino.

I hope someone will remember to stockpile Pillars for me so I can read them when I arrive home.

Yours truly,

James Ross.

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HORT DISPLAY

By DIANE WOOD

The Horticultural Technicians program has its first opportunity to set up a display booth at a Toronto trade fair from Jan. 28 to 30.

J. P. Mansfield, program coordinator, said a special brochure is being prepared for this display at the Allied Trades Convention.

The booth, to be designed and erected by staff and students, will be manned at the fair by senior students.

Members of the horticultural industry get together at the annual fair to discuss their activities and bring them to the attention of the public.

CANADIANA

Joseph Brant Leaves Legacy

By GARY MATTHEWS

Attracted by the noise of the struggle, several Mohawk chiefs ran to separate the two fighting men and to subdue the younger drunken one.

Joseph Brant's first thought was for his son's wound inflicted as the two of them fought. Badly shaken, he sent for the village physician. The doctor termed it a surface scratch, cleansed and dressed the wound, and said it must be kept bandaged until healed.

Before anyone could stop him, Isaac Brant ripped off the bandage shouting insults and threats of vengeance at his father.

Several days later the wound became infected. Isaac developed a fever that refused to subside. Indian potions brewed by his wife and the physician's treatment were no help. Soon he was dead — victim of a blood disease.

Joseph was beside himself with grief. Isaac, the son he had never understood, the son who was always getting into trouble, the son who had started the fight, was greatly loved.

He surrendered to the authorities in the belief he was a murderer who must be punished. But the magistrate at Fort Niagara refused to make a charge. Joseph was told that to defend oneself against attack was not a crime.

Lord Dorchester, the Canadian governor, and a council of Mohawk chiefs both agreed he had not killed his son and declared him blameless.

To Joseph the Indian council was the highest court in the land and when he was pronounced innocent by vote of the chiefs, he accepted their verdict. His guilt began to dissipate and also the anxiety and concern he had carried during all the years of Isaac's rebellion against him.

Joseph Brant, whose Indian name was Thayendanegea ("he places two bets"), was born in the Ohio Valley in 1742. A superior Indian chief he received a good education in Lebanon, Conn., through the aid of his brother-in-law Sir Wm. Johnson, the British Indian

Superintendent, whom he served in the French and Indian War.

At the outbreak of the American Revolution he went to Canada, where he joined the British as a Mohawk war chief. Commissioned a captain, he was sent to England and was feted as an Iroquois partisan of the crown.

On his return to New York, he saw action in the Battle of Long Island (August 1776) and in August 1777 he led the Mohawks in the Battle of Oriskany. Rallying the Iroquois with the argument that American victory would destroy the Indian nations, he led raids against the New York frontier from 1778 to 1780 — most notably at Cherry Valley (1778) — a battle the Americans termed a massacre. Later he campaigned westward.

The war over, he procured for the Mohawks the Grand River Reservation in Upper Canada. In 1785 he went to England where he obtained indemnification for Mohawk losses.

At Grand River he engaged in a long struggle to secure a firm land title for the Mohawks.

Joseph Brant died Nov. 24, 1807 on the estate granted him by the British government on the banks of Lake Ontario at Wellington Square (now Burlington).

He was married three times. The first two wives were sisters,

daughters of an Oneida Indian chief. Both died of tuberculosis. By his first marriage, Joseph had two children — Isaac and Christiana. His third wife was Catherine, eldest daughter of the head chief of the Turtle tribe, first in rank in the Mohawk nation. They had seven children — Joseph Jr., Jacob, John, Margaret, Catherine, Mary and Elizabeth.

According to the constitution of the Mohawks, inheritance descends through the female line exclusively. Consequently the superior chieftainship does not descend to the eldest male. The eldest female of the royal line nominates one of her sons or other descendants and he thereby becomes the chief. If her choice does not fall upon her own son, the grandson whom she invests with the office must be the child of her daughter.

Catherine Brant in her own right on the death of her husband stood at the head of the Iroquois Confederacy, alone clothed with the power to designate a successor. She appointed her youngest son John (whose Indian name was Ahyouwaighs) aged 13.

Brantford, the place where Brant established the Six Nations in 1784, was named in his honor.

Closer to home we have the Brant Annex at Niagara College.

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Yearbook cover contest designed to raise interest and boost sales

By CHRIS HOLLAND

A yearbook cover contest, and a 10 per cent commission, hopefully will enable the yearbook club to sell more books than ever this year.

The cover contest, which finished yesterday, was designed to interest people in the yearbook.

"The main reason was to involve people, let them know their is a

yearbook," said Griz Witlab, yearbook editor.

Anyone selling yearbooks will receive 10 per cent of the \$4 price, and the price will rise to \$5 after April 15.

According to Miss Witlab, this year the book will be more representative of campus life, with more candid shots and fewer posed pictures.

Whitehouse Chosen As Consultant To International Education Conference Held Recently At Geneva Switzerland

By DON McCAHILL

R. W. Whitehouse at Niagara College was selected as one of the two consultants to an international conference held in Geneva, Switzerland, recently.

Mr. Whitehouse, dean of the School of Community Education, was asked to the conference as a labor education consultant. The other special consultant came from England.

The conference, described as an "International Symposium on the Role of Universities and Colleges in Workers' Education", was attended by 25 college, universities and trade union labor educators from Canada, the United States, Britain, France, Russia and other countries.

The conference was sponsored by the workers Education Branch of the International Labour Organization (ILO), a specialized agency of the United Nations.

Mr. Whitehouse said he was chosen for the conference because of the "international recognition of pioneer developments in college labor study" by the Institute of Labour and Labour-Management Studies at Niagara College.

"Some 60 conclusions dealing with the role of college and universities in workers' educational needs in such areas as course and curriculum development, instructor training and research into workers' educational needs were prepared in three languages prior to the conclusion of the conference," he said.

He said it is hoped the conference will result in new and innovative college-centered labor education programs being developed throughout the world.

He said that his job at the conference was to work with the permanent secretariat of the Workers' Education Branch to prepare documents, reports and conclusions developed at the 10 day conference.

J. R. Kidd and Bert Hepworth also attended from Canada as regular members of the permanent advisers to the ILO.

N/C Tech Aids Local Industry

By WERNER BERGEN

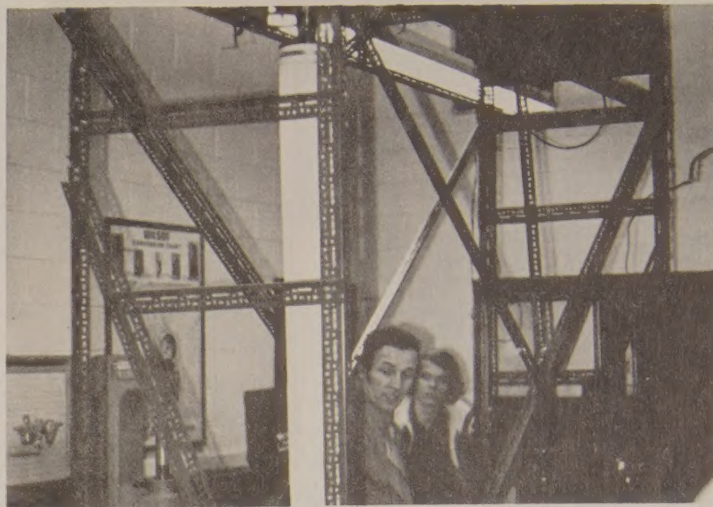
Parachute harnesses, chains, automobile springs and the Reverse Pulse Bag Baghouse are all products recently tested at Niagara College.

The Mechanical Technology Department has opened its laboratory to local industry to test their products for strength and efficiency. Companies such as Columbus McKinnon, International Nickel and Pennsteel have made use of the opportunity.

Nick Ciolfi, mechanical technology program co-ordinator, said local industries do not have the facilities to test their products and welcome the opportunity to use a local laboratory. The college benefits from this contact with industry through placement contacts, field trips and program advice.

Mr. Ciolfi said students occasionally get involved with the more interesting products but industries usually do the testing themselves.

The product being tested currently is the Reverse Pulse Bag Baghouse. The baghouse is a method by which particles are removed from the air. It consists of many cloth cylinders, called bags, which catch particles as air is forced past them. Particles as small as five microns are trapped (the human eye sees particles only as large as 40 microns). The baghouse removes 99.8% of particles.



Nick Ciolfi, mechanical technology program co-ordinator, stands beside a part of the Reverse Pulse Bag Baghouse. The baghouse is the latest product being tested at the college by local industry. The

college has opened its laboratory to local industry to test their products. The baghouse is a product of Pennsteel and is used to remove particles from the air.

[Photo by Werner Bergen]

The bags become caked with dust and must be cleaned with a jet of compressed air. The resulting ripple knocks the dust to the floor of the house from where it is removed.

The tests being carried out now are to determine the amount of pressure to be used to achieve the correct shape ripple for optimum cleaning.

The college has, up to now, let industries use the laboratory free of charge but is now considering charging a nominal fee.

The baghouse is a product of Pennsteel Environmental Industries. Mr. Ciolfi said the testing offers the college a rare opportunity to participate in environmental clean-up.

STANDARD TIME SET AT CONFERENCE IN 1884

By GARY MATTHEWS

The adoption of standard time throughout the world resulted from a conference held in Washington, D.C., in October, 1884, for the purpose of fixing a prime meridian and a universal day.

Two of the resolutions of this conference recommended that all nations adopt a single prime meridian in place of the multiplicity that then existed and adopt the meridian passing through the centre of the transit instrument at the observatory of Greenwich as the zero meridian of longitude.

Before 1885 every city and village operated on their own time system. For example, if it was noon in Toronto it would be 11:58 in Hamilton, 12:08 in Belleville, 12:12-1/2 in Kingston, 12:16-1/2 in Brock-

ville and 12:25 in Montreal.

Some railroads tried to make their schedules simpler by establishing "railroad time" along sections of their routes.

It was largely as a result of Sir Sandford Fleming's efforts that an International Prime Meridian Conference met in Washington and adopted the system of international standard time that is still in use today.

Sir Fleming was a Canadian civil engineer who had originally planned the transcontinental railroad in Canada. It was while working on the Canadian Pacific Railway that he worked out a system which would divide the world into 13 time zones.

As early as 1876 Sir Fleming's theory was rebuffed by the British

Association for the Advancement of Science. In 1883 a conference in Venice allowed him to present his ideas to the world. But it was not until October of that year that the world finally realized the advantages of Fleming's proposal.

Once a zero meridian was adopted, a division of the world into 24 time zones, each covering 15 degrees in longitude, seemed a natural development. The time at the zero meridian was designated as Greenwich Time, now Universal Time, and the various time zones would then be an even number of hours different from Greenwich Time.

Not all countries and places followed this lead and indeed today

some places still use local time. But on New Year's Day, 1885, the Universal Time System was adopted at Greenwich, England.

Sir Fleming realized that a great change was in store for Canada with the time change — punctuality took on a new meaning. Canada began to live by the clock.

Daylight Saving Time was first introduced during World War I as a measure to save coal used in producing electricity for lighting. In this system the clocks are advanced an hour so there is more daylight at the end of the working day. Canada changes over to Daylight Saving Time for the summer. Recently the United States changed to this time to conserve energy.

Roving Reporter ...

Question: How do you feel about the energy crisis?

By KAREN CROZIER and VI GUITE

...Energy Crisis



Judith Brooke, second year general college: "There is no energy crisis. It's a ruse whereby the oil companies are able to use the Arab boycott to increase their prices to the consumer. If North America had kept its nose out of the Arab-Israeli problem in the first place, there would be no crisis."



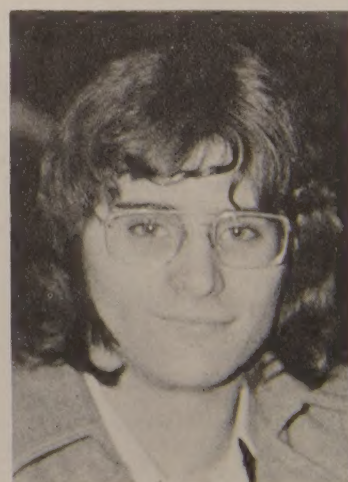
George Hay, psychology instructor: "It will make us realize that our resources are not unlimited. We in Canada will not feel the crunch of the crisis as much as the United States and Great Britain."



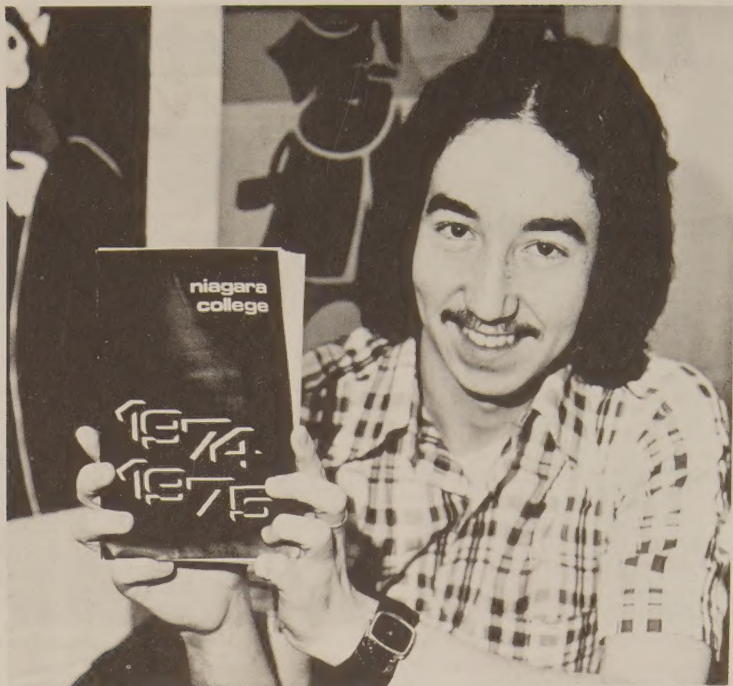
Mary-Clare Doyle, first year general college: "I have never given it much thought. I think it is a ruse by the oil companies to raise their prices and the Arabs are using the ruse to exploit the Americans. There will be rationing in the United States but not in Canada."



Phil Turton, second year surveying: "Rationing is not the answer, it would only create more problems on the labor market. Canada should do all it can to help the United States at this time, as a neighbor and a friend."



Eric Pries, second year electronics technician: "The energy crisis is very real. It's logical that our resources would run out eventually. This is only the beginning. We will develop new means of energy but things will get worse before we do. Eventually, all viables will be controlled by a central government."



Ken MacDonald, 20, second year graphic arts student, shows his prize-winning design chosen for the 1974-75 Niagara College calendar — white drop lettering on a white blue background—the school colors. The contest, with a cash award of \$35, was open to all graphic arts students. Eight entries were judged by the calendar committee. This is the first time the contest has been held. Myron Kukla, information officer, said the college has used the same cover for the last three years. This is part of a new program using student talent wherever feasible, he added.

N/C ASKS ADVICE TO SAVE ENERGY

By RICK NELSON

An Energy Information Service at Niagara College has been formed which will call on staff and students to offer suggestions in an attempt to find methods of cutting back the cost of energy in the college and community.

Technology instructor Harry Newton, in charge of the project, said the service was brought about by the energy crises.

"We must prepare immediate and long-range solutions to the energy problem," he said. "In recent talks we have found the college has been hit by the natural gas price increase this January (which is a nine per cent increase, according to property manager J. A. Spittle) and it will rise during the year. We are already looking for ways of economizing."

Mr. Newton explained Education

Research Technician students will produce ways of collecting suggestions from the staff and students, possibly through suggestion boxes. The suggestions will be passed to the students in technology who will decide which are the most practical. They will design models from some of the proposals while Commercial Arts students will draw up posters to demonstrate how people can cut down on energy and use it more wisely. Education Research Technician students will be in charge of setting up displays.

Asked about the cost of the project, Mr. Newton said, "I have spoken to President Manera about it and he said it could get several hundred dollars including a portion of the money for awards for the best suggestions."

Audio-Visual Slide Presentation Wins Award In Film Festival

By DON McCAHILL

A slide presentation produced by Niagara College's Audio Visual department recently won an award of merit in an Canada-wide instructional media festival.

The prize-winning presentation was produced to serve as a promotional medium for the college as well as an entry in the festival. However, it has not been accepted by the college board of governors.

The 10-minute slide show presents color shots of Niagara's campuses and program while the voice of Ian Brownlee, Radio and Television Arts instructor, gives a promotional description of the

college and its courses.

The audio track, produced with the aid of Walter Cosak, a third-year RTV student, is accompanied by contemporary music as the slides flash briefly before the viewer.

"We tried to produce something that would interest 16, 17 and 18-year-olds in the college by using popular songs and colloquial expressions," said Paul Byrne, AV Services co-ordinator.

However, the music used for the background was carefully selected so it would not be easily recognizable and date the presentation.

If the presentation is accepted by the board of governors it will be constantly updated to keep its contemporary tone.

The 160-slide presentation, with the slides synchronized to sound, was produced at a material cost of about \$27., said Mr. Byrne.

It won its award in competition with films costing up to \$1000 and was rated of "very professional quality."

The presentation, produced last May, was sent to Vancouver for preliminary evaluation in June and was sent back to Toronto for further evaluation. It was shown at the Canadian Educational Showplace in Toronto as a finalist in the competition.

The slide film category, in which Niagara's production was entered, had entries from school boards, colleges and universities such as Carleton, McGill, Montreal and Sir George Williams.

Cafeteria Plans In Final Stages

By STEVE SHARRATT

Plans for the Niagara College cafeteria extension are in the final stages.

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities allotted \$211,000 for the construction, a breakthrough in college funding halted a year ago by provincial budget cuts.

Suppliers had until Jan. 15 to make proposals for kitchen equipment.

"After the kitchen equipment is decided the plans will be drawn up," said A. S. Manera, college president.

The firm of Gerencser and Russell in Welland who also designed the Simcoe building will be the architects.

Jack Spittle, property manager, said the extension would provide accommodation for 250 more students to a total capacity of 800 to 900 people.

The extension will run 60 feet north (the back wall) at the full width of the original building and provide 60 percent more space.

Costs have been set at \$100,000 for the building construction and the same for kitchen facilities, plus \$11,000 consultation fees.

"It is reasonable to expect the extension to be completed for September, 1974," Mr. Spittle said.

DEEP THROAT BIGGEST SELLER

By MIRIAM SHOWALTER

Niagara students prefer Deep Throat to The Happy Hooker if results from the library technician's Book Fair are any indication.

While The Happy Hooker, which was expected to sell well, moved sluggishly, Deep Throat sold out in the first half hour of the sale. A re-order was made but the third time the supplier said he also was sold out.

The Book Fair, held Nov. 26 to 30 in the Tecumseh building, sold close to a 1,000 books. Sales totaled \$1,050.65, with a profit of

\$178.65 for the students.

Robert Bowman, program co-ordinator of the library technician program, said the most important reason for holding the book sale was to give the students experience working with people, handling money and becoming acquainted with the most recent books on the market.

"Secondary in importance to me," said Mr. Bowman, "was the money made. The students have decided to go on a field trip to a library this term with the proceeds from the sale."

Christmas Trees Made Into Mulch At Horticultural School Campus

By DIANE WOOD

Thousands of Christmas trees, some with tinsel still clinging limply to the branches, are being diverted from the dump this year and trucked instead to a site at the rear of Niagara College School of Horticulture.

There, the city of St. Catharines is "chipping" them (grinding them up) for the school which is using the residue as mulch, a substance that helps conserve moisture and keep down weeds.

"They're coming in truckload after truckload," said J. P. Mansfield, program co-ordinator. "There are literally thousands."

Mr. Mansfield said rather than have the trees burned or lying in dumps, the program was using them.

"It is a good example of co-operation between the City Parks Commission and Niagara College," he said.

City personnel are doing the work of trucking and chipping the trees.

Mr. Mansfield said mulch was a "tremendous aid in gardening" and saved much labor. It can be used for pathways and flower beds.

He said the city has asked last year if the program would allow chipping to be done there and that at first it only entailed trees coming from a small area.

"Now we get trees from the whole city," he said.

The operation is expected to take a week to complete.

Millionaire's Sex Magazine Was For Fun

By KAREN CROZIER

Why would a happily married man with five children want to publish a sex magazine?

"I came to a point where I wanted to do something more meaningful, a new challenge and something I could have fun with," Jack Wall, the publisher of Canada's answer to Playboy, told Under Attach's moderator Bill Walker. The TV show was staged at Brock University.

"I am a financial success and I didn't begin the magazine to make money," Jack Wall added.

The 32-year-old millionaire told the audience of about 600, and the three student panelists "Success Magazine contains Canadian humor, business and sex."

Mr. Wall said "it would really be an achievement" if a highly polished and professional magazine, which could break the international market, was produced in Canada.

The first issue of Success was sold in December for \$1.50. The bi-monthly magazine will put out its next issue in February at \$1.00.

Mr. Wall said his magazine would take stands on controversial issues.

Comet Kohoutek

Greatest Show Bombs Out

By THOM LEPP

The Greatest Show on Earth has bombed.

Instead of becoming a brilliant celestial spectacle, the glorious light of the new year's evening sky, Kohoutek has turned out to have only the magnitude of an ordinary star, or at most that of Jupiter. Comet Kohoutek has turned into a dud.

"Comets behave erratically," said Homer Lundy. "Sometimes they will show up well and sometimes they will be disappointing."

Mr. Lundy, a School of Technology instructor, said he was extremely disappointed that the comet fizzled out.

There was hope that the comet would reach the brilliance of five full moons. Now it's difficult to identify with the naked eye.

According to one theory, Skylab scientists believe the comet may have been snuffed out by a sticky space cement.

After Kohoutek looped the sun on Dec. 28, scientists and amateur astronomers alike expected that a

high jolt of solar heat would melt the frozen dust and gas on the comet and cause it to form a bright gossamer tail, expected to reach at least 20 million miles in length, that could be seen for weeks.

"Another theory is that it is not the typical "dirty snowball" astronomers had expected. Where the heads of Comets Bennet (1970) and Halley released streams of dust particles on melting, which reflected orange and yellow by the sun, Kohoutek has turned out to be a clean blue-white comet with a glassy tail.

Its splendid tail, made up of electrified particles, are fully visible only with the aid of scientific instruments.

Although Kohoutek has not been the cosmic spectacular it was expected, astronomers have discovered that a heavy complex molecule, methyl cyanide, a substance that is believed essential in star formation, is present on Kohoutek.

This substance has only been previously detected in vast clouds of dust toward the center of the galaxy. Its presence on Kohoutek

suggests the universality of large molecules which are forerunners of life.

Anyone searching for the dim, almost tailless appearing light of Kohoutek in the west southwest will find it eclipsed by its neighbors, the planets Venus and Jupiter. The two planets are at present the most brilliant nighttime sky feature.

Although the splendid tail of Kohoutek will not be seen before it disappears somewhere in the galactic empire, the splendid tale of Comet Kohoutek, "The Greatest Show on Earth," will be heard many times.



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NEW 35-PAGE STUDENT DIRECTORY MAY BE READY FOR FEB. 1

By KATHY RENWALD

The long-awaited student directory may be out Feb. 1, but Scott Trinder, executive vice-president of the Student Administrative Council, warns that this date is tentative.

The 35-page directory is being printed on the Gestetner, a duplicating machine, at a savings of about \$500.

Rewbury Printing produced the booklet last year, at a cost of about \$700, this year's estimate was \$800.

SAC members believe printing the book will cost them about \$300.

A few changes this year will include using the first names of students, instead of initials, and including programs students are in.



Ab Lachapelle

Activity Fee Won't Be Raised

The student activity fee will not be raised to include the price of yearbook.

Questionnaires were made available at winter registration, about a proposed increase from \$35 to \$37, but according to Scott Trinder, executive vice-president of SAC, only about 300 were answered.

Most answers favored the increase, but, Scott said, the re-

sponses came largely from students graduating this year, who would not be affected by the increase.

On the basis of the poor response by students directly affected by the increase, SAC members dropped the proposal.

Disappointed with the results, Scott said, "I still think it was a good idea."

Lady Bus Drivers

By BRENDA FOX

Women bus drivers of the new Welland Transit System don't consider themselves liberated — they are just doing a job.

Of 20 drivers operating the 10 new buses, eight are women, all married.

"We don't think of ourselves as liberated or anything," said bus driver Diane Borg. "We just consider operating the buses a job."

"Women have been driving the school buses for years so it's nothing new for us to be driving the transit buses," she said.

LOSE THOSE EXTRA POUNDS

By SHIRLEY DICKSON

Drop that doughnut. Ignore that coke. If you are more than 10 pounds overweight and have been for a number of years, then you fit the definition of obesity.

The counselling department will start its weight control program near the end of January with emphasis on control as well as weight loss.

"This program is heavy stuff," said Bruce Tallon, counsellor, secure in his size 38 suit.

Students and faculty will be informed of the program by means of posters, student radio and by referral from Dr. Anderson's office.

Last year a group of approximately 40 students and 12 staff members started the program, although they lost weight, it soon crept back.

This year there will be a slight difference in the program. Marion Kerr, college health nurse, will conduct nutrition and dieting studies. Dr. Alexander will be in charge of physicals before the program and Bruce Tallon will work with the organization and group work emphasizing the psychological factors of obesity. Peter Rylander, athletic director, will conduct exercises individually and in groups.

Some of the techniques used by this co-operative student services project are body rhythm charting, history of eating habits, techniques

for maintaining the habit of not eating so much food and the use of video tapes to understand the problems of obesity.

One method used to help people become more receptive to the idea of losing weight is the use of the Alpha state. This is the state of mind similar to meditation. In the Alpha state, the mind is in a state of alert relaxation and becomes more receptive to ideas.

According to Bruce Tallon there is a strong possibility that some of the exercise classes will be held at the Welland YMCA.

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350 dine in elegance

By KATHY RENWALD

NIAGARA FALLS — Tickets for the event were sold out within a week, and reporters from the Globe and Mail, Niagara Falls Review, and Niagara Falls (N.Y.) Gazette, were there to record the success of the Hotel and Food Club's fourth annual Christmas banquet.

Silent waiters glided about the Penthouse of the Sheraton Foxhead, offering silver trays of appetizers, steak, and shrimp, and brown crisp bacon, laced around toothpicks.

Three hundred and fifty tickets were sold for the dinner at the school's new headquarters in Niagara Falls.

A panoramic view of the Falls was not spectacular enough to overshadow the tables full of the Christmas feast.

The traditional turkey was included, along with ham, beef, chicken, two roast suckling pigs, fish, and weiners and beans. Jello moulds, salads and potatoes completed the menu.

The dinner was organized by members of the Hotel and Food Club as an extra curricular activity; no marks were involved.

President of the club, Ab Lachapelle said the dinner was not solely to make a profit, but also to serve as a showcase for students' talent.

"The management of local hotels and restaurants attend the dinner, and sometimes students get hired as a result," said Ab.

"This also gives parents a chance to see what their kids are learning," he said.

Fifty members of the club were involved in this year's dinner. Ab estimated they spent \$1,500 on food and \$100 on decorations.

Though the food was arranged in buffet style, 18 students worked in the dining room, clearing tables and serving drinks.

The final week preceding the dinner — most classes were cancelled, according to Ab, to give students time to prepare for the dinner. Cooking began two days before the event, with 25 people working in the kitchen.

Linda Pare, chairman of the banquet and in charge of assigning jobs, organizing tickets, and obtaining a band, was pleased with the outcome. "Everything went just fine," she said.

The dinner ran smoothly but was not without its small crises. According to Mike Hansen, a third year student working in the kitchen, "We lost a 15 pound pork roast, the water boiled over on the potatoes, and we lost the breadcrumbs."

According to Ab, a ski trip is planned with the profits, possibly to mt. Snow in Vermont. Some of the money will also be donated to charity.

One could not help notice the mountains of food, and wonder enviously what would be done with it.

"The left-over food will be frozen and we plan to have a sandwich day for senior citizens," said Ab, putting an end to thoughts of stalking out with a 15-pound pork roast under one's arm.

American Colleges to Accept Niagara Credits in Full

By CHRIS HOLLAND

Niagara College graduates may now receive full credit for their studies at Niagara and continue studies for a Bachelor of Technology degree at American colleges.

Courses necessary for admittance into American colleges are offered in the day program at Niagara, and the extension division plans similar courses if demand exists.

A representative of the Rochester Institute of Technology, Bert Garrel, said his institution welcomed Niagara College graduates.

"What you have here is great," he said, "I don't think it is really appreciated."

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KNIGHTS FOILED BY GOALIE AND SETTLE FOR 1-1 DRAW

By RICK NELSON

Although the Conestoga Condors possess the worst goals against record in the west division of the O.C.A.A. hockey league, little blame should be placed on goaltender Mike Bunker.

In an outstanding performance in the Jan. 12 game against the Niagara Knights, Bunker kicked out 33 of 34 shots to preserve a 1-1 tie for his team.

Many times during the game, the Condor defence collapsed leaving Bunker to defend the net virtually by himself, he could not be faulted on the only Niagara goal scored by centre Al Cheverdon at 11:51 of the first period.

Cheverdon received a pass in the slot from right winger Barry Morgan and ripped a shot off a Condor defenceman into the net beating Bunker who was screened on the play.

During the period, Bunker stopped Niagara forwards by kicking, catching or blocking everything that came near him.

In the second stanza, Bunker's defence abandoned him again.

At the 7:20 mark, Niagara's Leo Murphy, the division's leading scorer, broke past the Conestoga defence unmolested. However, his shot was blocked by Bunker who made a sensational sprawling save.

Richard Court, the Knight's netminder, had little work to do during the first two periods as the Niagara club backchecked well. Like Bunker, Court was screened on the game-tying goal.

At 11:46 of the second period, Terry Peacock slapped a 15 footer past Court which barely caught the far goal post and bounced in the net.

The Confors came alive in the first few minutes of the third period but Court used his quick glove hand to pick their shots out of the air and blocked all other attempts the Conestogans had to score.

In the last half of the third, the Knights began to show their frustration at not being able to score after having so many opportunities.

At 9:40 Niagara centre Gary Nemcko was pulled down from behind by Condor's Dave Dunkle while on a breakaway. Niagara argued for a penalty shot but were turned down by the referee who gave Dunkle a two minute minor for tripping.

The Knights bombarded Bunker with shot after shot but he held his ground and killed the power play.

Just as Dunkle returned on the ice, Knight defenceman Bill Zubrinich and Condor Marty Braun fought at centre ice and were given five minutes each for their trouble.

A last minute scramble around the Condor net almost produced the game winning goal. The puck bounced around off a maze of legs, sticks and skates but failed to cross the goal line.

Knight Notes: Gary Nemcko was presented the Player of the Month award by Labatt Breweries representative Jack Dillon. Nemcko with 25 points trailed Leo Murphy by one point at the half way mark of the season's scoring race.

The Knights have three of the top five scorers in the west division. Murphy, Nemcko and Rob Brown, all were held scoreless in the game.



Leo Murphy leads attack over Conestoga blueline

Long, Cold Month For Knights As Losing Streak Continues

By THOM LEPP

Niagara College's men's basketball team went winless during December, losing three games and having one game cancelled because of weather.

In Golden Horseshoe League play Dec. 6, Sheridan College of Oakville defeated the Knights 77-55 on Niagara's home court. Roger Perry led the Niagara shooters with 22 points.

In OCAA League action Dec. 8 and 15, St. Clair College of Windsor topped Niagara 77-76 at Niagara and won again at home 96-92. Rudy Barrel netted 20 points for Niagara

in the losing home cause and Perry hit for 22 in St. Clair.

Because of snowy conditions in Toronto Dec. 13 a game that was to be played at Niagara with Centennial College of Toronto was cancelled and rescheduled for a later date.

Niagara has one win against two defeats in Golden Horseshoe play.

Western division standings in OCAA Basketball are:

St. Clair	5-0
Fanshawe	3-2
Mohawk	3-3
Niagara	0-6

Ladies Basketball Knights Victory Moves Team Into Second Place

By THOM LEPP

Gaining two December victories, the Niagara College Ladies Basketball team moved into second place in OCAA western division play.

On Dec. 10 at Seneca College in Windsor, the Knights topped the home team 47-31. Chris Wasiak was the top Niagara scorer with 13 points.

She and Diane Nieuwesteeg,

netting 24 and 16 points respectively, led the Niagara team in a trouncing Humber College of Toronto 75-16 at Humber Dec. 13.

In a game played Nov. 29 at Niagara, Mohawk College of Hamilton, undefeated in league play this season, beat the Niagara squad 38-22.

The Knights have four wins in seven games in league play this season.

WESTERN DIVISION HOCKEY STANDINGS As of December 18, 1973

Team	Won	Lost	Tied
St. Clair	7	1	0
Niagara	5	4	0
Fanshawe	4	3	0
Conestoga	3	6	0

BASKETBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS As of January 1, 1974

Team	W	L	Pts.
St. Clair	5	0	10
Fanshawe	3	2	6
Mohawk	3	3	6
Niagara	0	6	0

	G	A	Pts.		GP	TP	AVG
Nemcko	16	18	34	Rudy Barrell	5	66	13.2
Murphy	12	18	30	Roger Perry	5	51	10.2
Brown	5	12	17	Rick Ludlow	4	27	6.7
Kraliz	8	7	15	Brent Trinder	5	29	5.8
Steers	7	6	13	John Gojmerac	5	29	5.8
Sakoluk	8	4	12	Dave Rose	5	22	4.4
Zubrinich	4	8	12	Wayne Wiese	5	21	4.2
Hominuk	3	5	8	Tod Laflamme	5	10	2.0
Morgan	2	4	6	Kevin Valovich	5	13	1.6
Cleverson	0	6	6	Tom Easterbrooke	5	8	1.6
Vincent	3	2	5	Steven Manwarren	5	3	.6
Young	0	5	5	John Jasudavisius	2	0	0.0
Irwin	2	2	4	Bob Cavers	1	0	0.0
Kaupp	1	3	4				
Rodgers	0	2	2				
Taggart	0	2	2				
Bryce	0	2	2	Does not include November 23			
Toth	0	1	1	game against Fanshawe.			

Room For 14 Teachers Provided In Budget

The Niagara College budget is in the process of finalization for the next fiscal year and will provide space for 14 new teachers in September 1974. "The teachers will go mainly to applied arts with two going to business and two in technology," said A. S. Manera, college president. "Although the budget will be tight we hope for additional equipment and improvements in space."

New Book From SAC

By KATHY RENWALD

Students registering next September will be the first to receive a new orientation book from SAC (Student Administrative Council).

Beth Bridgeman, SAC president, said, "It will be like a pep rally in a book."

The book will be about 50 pages, containing pictures of past events at the college, and advertising.

Pictures of pub nites, winter carnival and other events will be included, along with names of members of the new student council, and possibly a message

from A.S. Manera, college president.

The book is being printed by Nash Publications at no cost to SAC. Advertising, occupying half the book, will be sold by a member of the company to cover the printing cost.

Fifteen per cent of the gross revenue will be given to SAC to purchase 1,000 copies; another 1,000 copies will be given to SAC at no charge.

Students will be glad to know, they get the book free of charge, too.

Press Theatre Production

Treasure Island A Technical Success

By ROSEMARY CINO

Seeing Press Theatre's production of Treasure island was like being a kid again for a few spell-bound hours.

There were heart-stopping pistol cracks in the dark, lightning storms at sea with spine-chilling winds, and whispers of cursed buried treasure — all to the haunting refrain of Yo! Ho! Ho! and a Bottle of Rum.

The all-male cast was excellent; the Theatre Centre's technical work was fascinating.

Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale is a young boy's account of a search for buried treasure. Fifteen-year-old Ken Shaw was great in the part of Jim Hawkins.

Long John Silver, played by Vincent Cole, was delightfully devious, wonderfully wicked.

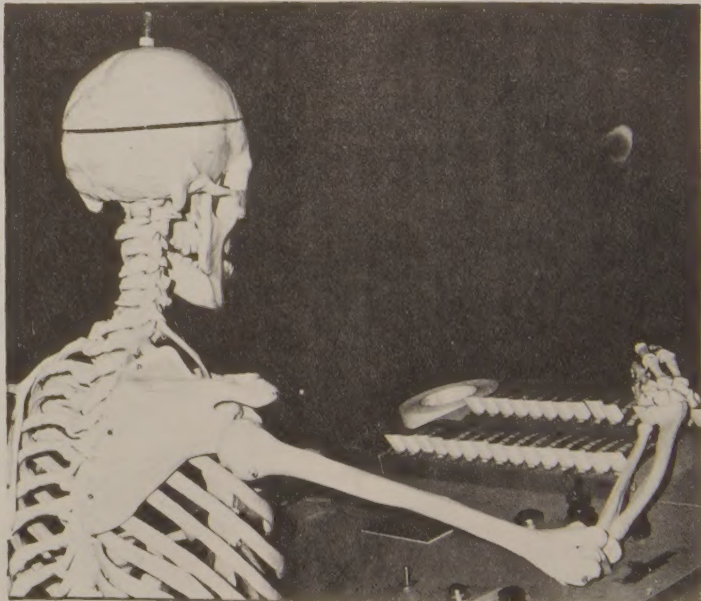
He hobbled across the stage appearing one-legged in a specially designed leg harness, constantly cursing and scheming with Captain Flint, his parrot, perched on his shoulder.

The parrot, Big Red, a vivid red and green macaw with enormous stage presence, didn't have any lines but passed significant glances to Silver at crucial moments.

The most impressive technique in the production was the scene changes.

All the props were carried on and off stage by the crew singing sailor's songs.

Treasure Island itself had real sand, palm trees and the blue Pacific shimmered in the background. Its inhabitant, Ben Gunn,



Allardyce, the skelton who appeared in Treasure Island, has left the stage to work the light board for Niagara College Theatre Centre's new production The Ecstasy of Rita Joe which opened Jan. 22. His

career began when he was borrowed from Niagara College Division of Nursing--Niagara Falls Centre to play the demanding role of a dead pirate in Treasure Island.

(Photo By Chris Holland)

played by Leo Leyden was hilarious.

The sets designed by Tayie Rehem, the Theatre Centre's set designer heightened the enchantment of the production.

The costumes were appropriately swashbuckling and the make-up provided fine sea-worn faces.

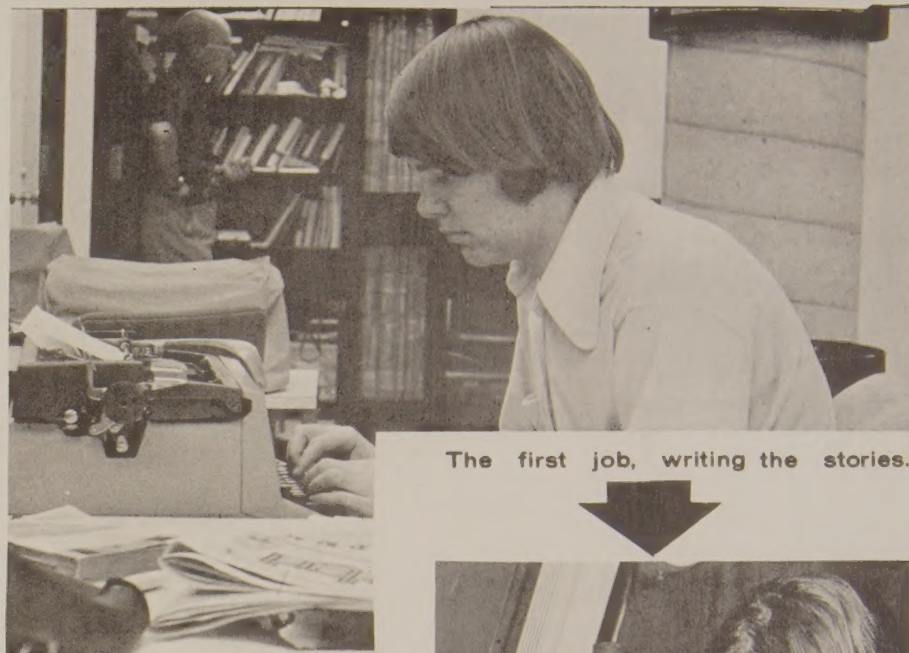
The play which ran at Brock University Education Theatre from Dec. 12 to 22 was directed by Sean Mulcahy.

Treasure Island was not kid's stuff. It was a sophisticated technical success for Niagara College Theatre Centre.

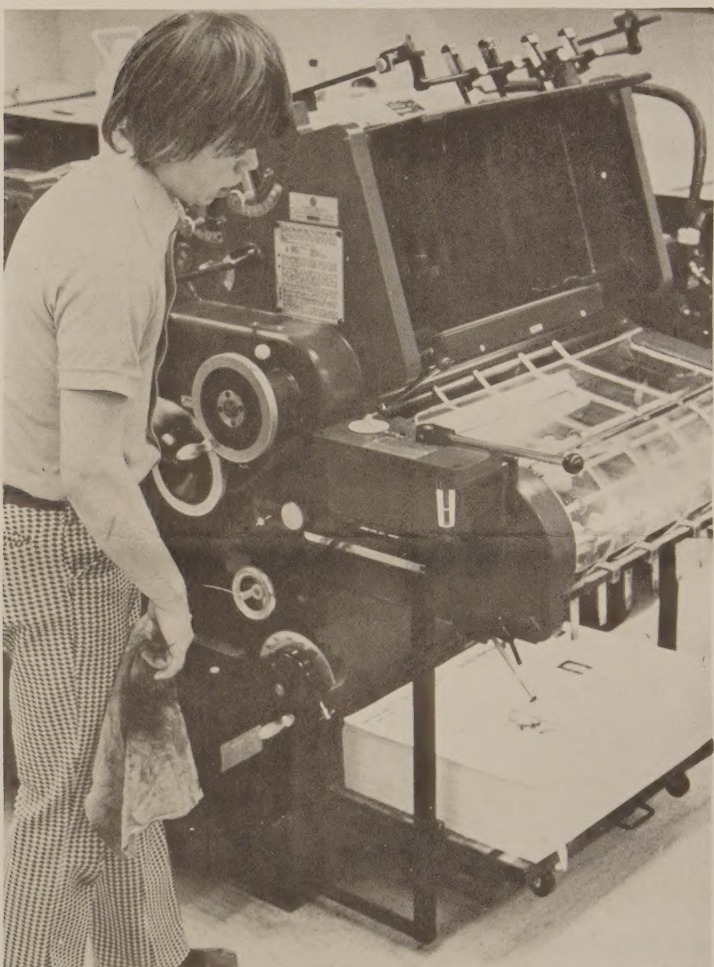
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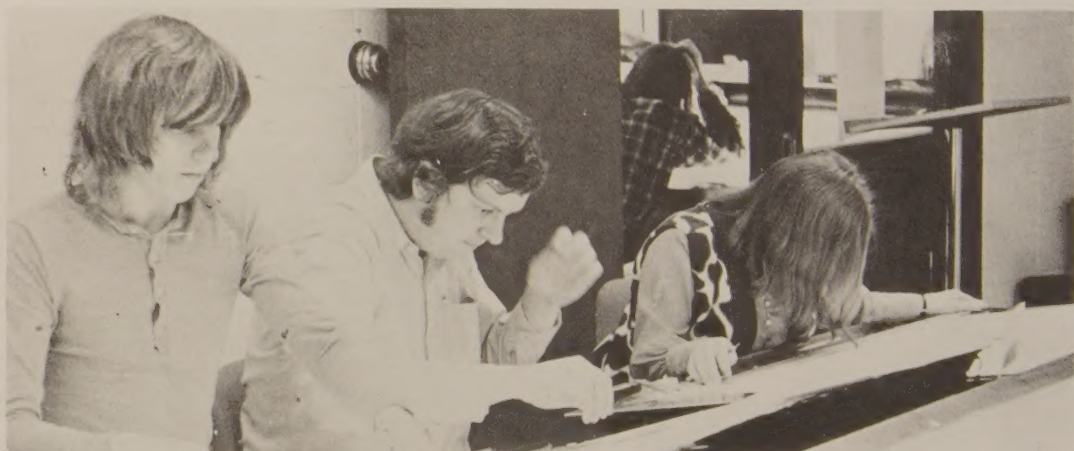
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WELLAND GETS STATUS WITH POLLUTION INDEX

By **WERNER BERGEN**

Welland has joined a distinguished group of cities and has become the fifth city in Ontario to have an Air Pollution Index.

The index was first introduced in Toronto in 1970 and the index has since been expanded to Hamilton, Sudbury and Windsor.

The index monitors air quality for sulphur dioxide and suspended particulate matter—the two major pollutants affecting human health.

One means by which air pollution is measured is to pump air through a filter and after six days the filter is sent to Toronto for analysis. All the dust is analysed and a pollution reading is given. This method takes several months to complete and is only used to verify the other methods.

To measure the suspended particulate matter, air is pumped through a filter which has a strong

light source beneath it and a gauge measures light passing through the filter. A computer analyses the density of dust on the filter and provides the index reading. These readings are done every hour. If the reading is below 100 micrograms of suspended particulate matter per cubic metre of air for 30 minutes, the readings are acceptable.

To measure sulphur dioxide, air is pumped into a chamber and the amount of sulphur dioxide is detected by sensors and recorded on a computer graph.

An equation is set up between the reading of sulphur dioxide, the particulate matter and a constant, and the answer is the API number.

If the number is between 0-32 the conditions are acceptable. With a API reading of 32-50, the major polluters are asked to voluntarily reduce operations. An air alert is given if the readings are between

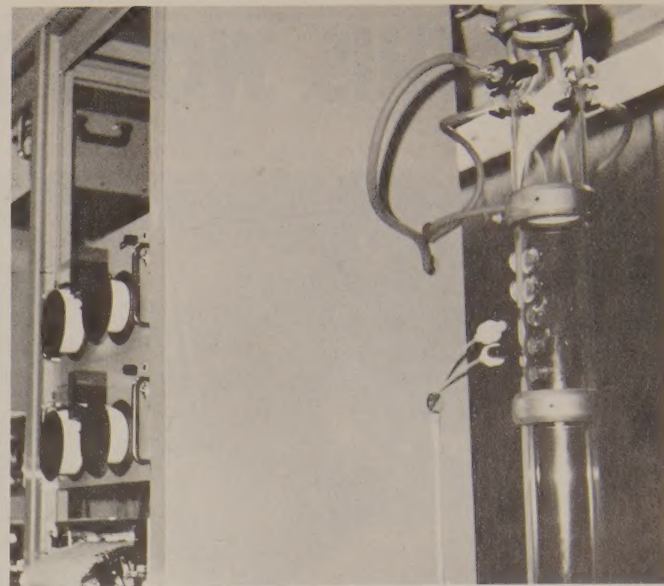
50-58. There is then a mandatory cutback of operations for the major polluters—usually 25 per cent. If the API continues to rise and the readings reach 75, there is a second air alert and further mandatory cutbacks are required. If 100 is reached, total shutdown of major polluters is ordered.

The penalties for not cutting back can reach \$10,000 a day.

The indexes are placed nearest major polluters and in the communities, consequently, stations are located near Union Carbide in Welland.

Many things can affect the API—direction of the wind, temperature and an air inversion—a condition which prevents pollution from dispersing into the higher atmosphere.

Welland has a relatively low sulphur dioxide reading while the particulate matter is the major polluter.



This machine measures the sulphur dioxide and suspended particulate matter in the air. Readings are taken and sent to Toronto for analysis. The combination of the particulate and sulphur readings, with a constant, gives the Air

Pollution Index number. Welland is the fifth city in Ontario to get an Air Pollution Index. This station is located near the Union Carbide factory in Welland.

[Photo by Werner Bergen]

NIAGARA GRADUATE BACK FROM CUSO TRIP

By **DIANA AUS**

Teaching with CUSO isn't a glamorous, all-expense-paid holiday, says a 23-year-old Niagara College graduate back home after two years on the other side of the world.

"I wouldn't recommend it for students just wanting to run-away," said Darrell Gibbs of Port Colborne. "You've got to have your head about you."

Darrell, an electronics graduate of the college, spent the last two years in Papua, New Guinea, just three degrees from the equator — two years that included fending off questions about the "white man's magic" that provides cars and wealth, coping with Pidgin English and the sorrow of seeing one of his students leave school because of leprosy.

A week before Christmas he flew to frigid Toronto after having become accustomed to 100-degree temperatures.

"I nearly froze when I got off the plane," Darrell said.

He finds he must re-adjust to the rapid pace of North American life as well as the cold climate.

"It was strange seeing large groups of unfamiliar people once again after having been isolated with very few people. One becomes accustomed to seeing the same faces everyday."

Darrell was teaching at a mission in an isolated village in the town of Aitape. The mission consisted of a hospital containing approximately 200 beds, the school and residence for the students.

The mission had two light aircraft which were the main source of transportation as well as a motorbike that could only be used on dry

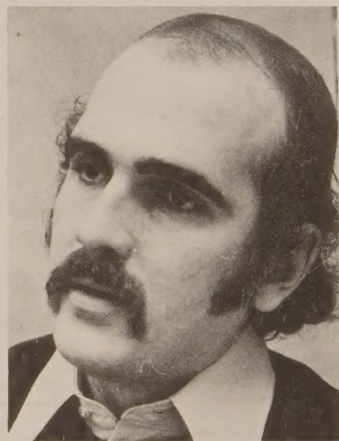
days because there weren't any direct roads to and from the village. Periodic boat trips could also be made.

Many of the students lived two to three days walk from the mission. Often they would remain at the mission during their one-week school breaks which took place twice a year with the exception of the summer break which lasted two months.

"The trip home would have been futile because many would just get home for a day and have to start the long trek back to the mission," Darrell said.

"The students were great and most eager to learn, there were never any disciplinary problems, only the top students of the primary school could continue their education," he said.

Darrell taught Math and Science at the Form 4 level which would be equivalent to Grade 11. A few chosen top graduating students



Darrell Gibbs

would be allowed to go on to college and the rest would return home to their families.

The mission hospital was for the most part a leprosarium and treated a small community of the afflicted lepers who took up residence close by. Leprosy is a chronic contagious disease affecting skin, tissues and nerves and resulting in horrible mutilation. The isolation period for those with leprosy in this community is six years after which some have been able to leave.

Darrell recalled with great sadness when one of his top students had to leave the school after a test revealed he had leprosy in its most contagious form.

"The people accept their sickness with dignity and show no signs of self-pity as you might find somewhere else. They just continue on in their own little community. They are a most friendly people," he said.

Although the students were taught English in the primary grades they reverted back to Pidgin English when speaking amongst themselves.

"I could make myself understood although I couldn't carry on any lengthy conversations in Pidgin English because they spoke too fast," said Darrell.

"Despite my two years of teaching I was still asked about the white man's magic secret for getting rich," said Darrell.

The natives find it very difficult to conceive how the white man can have money, cars and riches when they still have so little. "We work hard, too," they would tell him, "but nothing falls out of the sky for us."

"I would tell them that it was just hard work and learning as much

about things as you can," Darrell said.

"One day when some of the native boys saw me repairing a motorbike, they asked what I was doing and why I didn't just put my hands up in the air and perform my white magic so that a new one would drop down to me. I think that this was one time when I was able to convince them that that sort of thing just didn't happen. Then they wanted to know where I leaned how to repair the bike and I told them that I used to work in a service station. I may have made a little headway with them but they still have strong reservations about the white man's magic," he said.

"The salary wasn't the greatest \$54 a fortnight but it was all you needed living there. Room and board at the mission was \$10-a-week with meals and transportation supplied along with one carton of cigarettes weekly. The only thing I spent money on was photo supplies and some cigarettes that I sent away to Australia for," said Darrell.

In his spare time Darrell pursued his hobby — photography.

"I don't know if I would go back. I might. But right now I am just looking to get settled and make some decisions about the present," Darrell said.

Health Graduates Got Certificates

By **SHIRLEY DICKSON**

Fourteen graduates received certificates in Health Care Services at Niagara Falls General Hospital Dec. 21.

This was the eighth graduating class from the 16-week course under Niagara College Retraining Program.

Health Care Aides, formerly known as Nursing Assistants, will find employment in nursing homes working mainly with the elderly.

Niagara College was represented at the graduation by R. A. Newbury, chairman of the School of Retraining. The graduates were addressed by W. E. Dewar, chairman of the board of Niagara Falls General Hospital and P. R. Carruthers, president and chief executive officer of the hospital.

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PINBALL

By **KATHY RENWALD**

I'm a journalist. Words are my business. They are my constant companions. My hand is perpetually clenched around a pen. I walk down the halls composing stories. Letters from my typewriter keys jump through my mind at all hours of the day.

I deal in words; pride myself in their usefulness to me. But scarcely five minutes ago, I was put to the test and failed.

Unscramble this word, the machine said, and the letters popped up—e-l-f. I racked my brain, the

seconds clicked by, I looked nervously around the cafeteria. E-l-f, e-l-f, what could it be? My hands began to sweat, and then the biggest indignity of all, an unearthly, grating buzzer sounded, the lights went out, and I lost my chance to score. If Bob Barker had been there himself to humiliate me, in that terrible game show fashion, I couldn't have felt worse.

I had scored 10 points out of a possible 50, me who professes to have a command of the language.

These sources of embarrassment, these cunning, clanking machines

are located in the cafeteria, and the student lounge in the Mackenzie building.

Computer Quiz, Unscramble, Play Ball, and Duck Hunt, are the many guises of these skill testers.

Putting the machines in was the brainchild of Student Administrative Council (SAC). There is no cost for the machines, and the profit for SAC is a cool 50 per cent of what goes into them.

SAC plans to be scooping up about \$200 a month from the whirring, ringing, light flashing wonders.

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